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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: US-USSR RELATIONS

1. KINSHASA NEWSWEEKLY "ZAIRE" MAGAZINE JULY 25 CARRIES FULL PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED "USA-USSR: ROUGH RELATIONS." JOURNALIST YAMAINA MANDALA SAYS "SINCE THE COMING TO POWER OF JIMMY CARTER ...RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ARE NO LONGER IN GOOD CONDITION...". PRESIDENT CARTER REJECTED KISSINGER POLICY OF NOT CRITICIZING SOVIET UNION, HE CONTINUES. "FOR HIM (CARTER), AS FOR HIS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR, COMMUNISM NO LONGER CONSTITUTES A DANGER TO THE WESTERN CAMP. IN ADDITION, (THE FACT) THAT THE WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES, WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING POINTS AT THE MOST RECENT ELECTIONS, WILL COME INTO POWER ONE DAY, SCARCELY DISTURBS THEM. THESE PARTIES WILL BE.... CONFRONTED BY MULTIPLE PROBLEMS SO THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE CONSTRAINED TO RESORT TO ASSISTANCE FROM THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT." YAMAINA SAYS, "THE TACTIC OF PRESIDENT CARTER CONSISTS IN ISOLATING MOSCOW IN ORDER TO BETTER OVERCOME THEM." BUT, YAMAINA, CONTINUES, THE SOVIETS "CONSCIOUS OF THEIR MILITARY SUPERIORITY", REFUSED TO BE PRESSURED BY THE "MORALISTIC" STANCE OF THE AMERICAN PRE-  
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SIDENT. "HE IS NOT SUPPORTED IN THIS," HE CONTINUES, "EITHER BY ANY LATIN AMERICAN STATE OR BY... THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY." THE EEC COUNTRIES, HE SAYS, "ARE SUCCEEDING MORE AND MORE IN INJECTING THEIR PRODUCTS INTO THE MARKETS OF THE EASTERN (BLOC) AND ARE NOT AT ALL ANXIOUS TO LOSE THEIR ADVANTAGES FOR THE PLEASURE OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT." HE CONCLUDES, ".... IF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT DOESN'T

ATTEMPT TO FIRST HARMONIZE HIS IDEAS WITH THOSE OF HIS PEERS,  
HIS HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY WILL PROVOKE SCHISMS WITHIN THE WEST  
AND CAN ONLY SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE ENEMY, WHOM HE IS  
BENT ON FIGHTING."

2. ARTICLE WRITTEN PREVIOUS TO JULY 21 SPEECH PRESIDENT CARTER.  
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